
Name of City or Town

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OF ☐ **REAL PROPERTY TAX**
☐ **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

FISCAL YEAR _____

General Laws Chapter 59, § 59

THIS APPLICATION IS NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION (See General Laws Chapter 59, § 60)

Return to: Board of Assessors

Must be filed with assessors not later than due
date of first actual (**not** preliminary) tax payment
for fiscal year.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete **BOTH** sides of application. Please print or type.

A. TAXPAYER INFORMATION.

Name(s) of assessed owner: _____

Name(s) and status of applicant (if other than assessed owner) _____

☐ Subsequent owner (aquired title after January 1) on _____, _____

☐ Administrator/executor.

☐ Mortgagee.

☐ Lessee.

☐ Other. Specify.

Mailing address _____

Telephone No. () _____

No. Street

City/Town

Zip Code

Amounts and dates of tax payments _____

B. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION. Complete using information as it appears on tax bill.

Tax bill no. _____ Assessed valuation \$ _____

Location _____
No. Street

Description _____

Real: _____ Parcel ID (map-block-lot) _____ Land area _____ Class _____

Personal: _____ Property type(s) _____

C. REASON(S) ABATEMENT SOUGHT. Check reason(s) an abatement is warranted and briefly explain why it applies.
Continue explanation on attachment if necessary.

☐ Overvaluation

☐ Incorrect usage classification

☐ Disproportionate assessment

☐ Other. Specify.

Applicant's opinion of: Value \$ _____ Class _____

Explanation _____

FILING THIS FORM DOES NOT STAY THE COLLECTION OF YOUR TAXES. TO AVOID LOSS OF APPEAL RIGHTS OR
ADDITION OF INTEREST AND OTHER COLLECTION CHARGES, THE TAX SHOULD BE PAID AS ASSESSED.

THIS FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

D. SIGNATURES.

Subscribed this _____ day of _____ , _____	Under penalties of perjury.
Signature of applicant _____	
If not an individual, signature of authorized officer _____	
(_____)	Title _____
(print or type) Name _____	Address _____ Telephone _____
If signed by agent, attach copy of written authorization to sign on behalf of taxpayer.	

TAXPAYER INFORMATION ABOUT ABATEMENT PROCEDURE

REASONS FOR AN ABATEMENT. An abatement is a reduction in the tax assessed on your property for the fiscal year. To dispute your valuation or assessment or to correct any other billing problem or error that caused your tax bill to be higher than it should be, you must apply for an abatement.

You may apply for an abatement if your property is: 1) overvalued (assessed value is more than fair cash value on January 1 for any reason, including clerical and data processing errors or assessment of property that is non-existent or not taxable to you), 2) disproportionately assessed in comparison with other properties, 3) classified incorrectly as residential, open space, commercial or industrial real property, or 4) partially or fully exempt.

WHO MAY FILE AN APPLICATION. You may file an application if you are:

- the assessed or subsequent (acquiring title after January 1) owner of the property,
- the owner's administrator or executor,
- a tenant paying rent who is obligated to pay more than one-half of the tax,
- a person owning or having an interest or possession of the property, or
- a mortgagee if the assessed owner has not applied.

In some cases, you must pay all or a portion of the tax before you can file.

WHEN AND WHERE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED. Your application must be filed with the board of assessors on or before the date the first installment payment of the actual tax bill mailed for the fiscal year is due, unless you are a mortgagee. If so, your application must be filed between September 20 and October 1. Actual tax bills are those issued after the tax rate is set. Applications filed for omitted, revised or reassessed taxes must be filed within 3 months of the date the bill for those taxes was mailed. **THESE DEADLINES CANNOT BE EXTENDED OR WAIVED BY THE ASSESSORS FOR ANY REASON. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO AN ABATEMENT AND THE ASSESSORS CANNOT BY LAW GRANT YOU ONE. TO BE TIMELY FILED, YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE (1) RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSORS ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE OR (2) MAILED BY UNITED STATES MAIL, FIRST CLASS POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE PROPER ADDRESS OF THE ASSESSORS ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE AS SHOWN BY A POSTMARK MADE BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.**

PAYMENT OF TAX. Filing an application does not stay the collection of your taxes. In some cases, you must pay the tax when due to appeal the assessors' disposition of your application. Failure to pay the tax assessed when due may also subject you to interest charges and collection action. To avoid any loss of rights or additional charges, you should pay the tax as assessed. If an abatement is granted and you have already paid the entire year's tax as abated, you will receive a refund of any overpayment.

ASSESSORS DISPOSITION. Upon applying for an abatement, you may be asked to provide the assessors with written information about the property and permit them to inspect it. Failure to provide the information or permit an inspection within 30 days of the request may result in the loss of your appeal rights.

The assessors have 3 months from the date your application is filed to act on it unless you agree in writing before that period expires to extend it for a specific time. If the assessors do not act on your application within the original or extended period, it is deemed denied. You will be notified in writing whether an abatement has been granted or denied.

APPEAL. You may appeal the disposition of your application to the Appellate Tax Board, or if applicable, the County Commissioners. The appeal must be filed within 3 months of the date the assessors acted on your application, or the date your application was deemed denied, whichever is applicable. The disposition notice will provide you with further information about the appeal procedure and deadline.

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (ASSESSORS' USE ONLY)

Ch 59, § 61A return	GRANTED <input type="checkbox"/>	Assessed value	_____
Date sent _____	DENIED <input type="checkbox"/>	Abated value	_____
Date returned _____	DEEMED DENIED <input type="checkbox"/>	Adjusted value	_____
On-site inspection		Assessed tax	_____
Date _____		Abated tax	_____
By _____	Date voted/Deemed denied _____	Adjusted tax	_____
	Certificate No. _____		
	Date Cert./Notice sent _____	Board of Assessors	
Data changed _____	Appeal _____		_____
	Date filed _____		_____
Valuation _____	Decision _____		_____
	Settlement _____	Date: _____	

FRAMINGHAM BOARD OF ASSESSORS
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CHAPTER 59 SECTION 61A INFORMATION REQUEST

PLEASE FILE THIS FORM WITH STATE TAX FORM 128 (ABATEMENT APPLICATION)

A person applying for an abatement of a tax or real or personal property, shall, upon request, exhibit to the assessors the property to which the application for abatement relates and if required by said assessors, shall exhibit and identify such property, and further, shall, upon request, furnish under oath such written information as may be reasonably required by the Board of Assessors to determine the actual fair cash valuation of the property to which the application for abatement relates including, but not limited to, income and rents received, and the expenses of maintaining such property.
Failure of the applicant to comply with the provisions of this section within 30 days after such request shall bar him from any statutory appeal under this chapter unless the applicant was unable to comply with such request for reasons beyond his control or unless he attempted to comply in good faith.

FY2016 ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY IS :

MY OPINION OF THE VALUE IS :

LAST SALE DATE AND SALE PRICE :

COMPARABLE PROPERTIES

FY2015 ASSESSED VALUES ARE DERIVED FROM PROPERTY SALES AND PROPERTY INFORMATION FROM

CALENDAR YEAR 2014. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION FROM THAT ASSESSMENT PERIOD.

Location Address	FY2016 Value	Sale Price	Sale Date	BLD Style

Please detail any discrepancies, such as measurements, land area, bath counts, etc.

In addition, please provide additional documentation, such as an appraisal report or other professional opinion.

OWNER or REPRESENTATIVE'S signature

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I certify under pains and penalties of perjury that the information supplied herewith is true and correct:

Signature:

Title

Date: